

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7-10, 14-17, 19, and 21-24 and add new claims 25-32 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) establishing a said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;
- b) putting the session on hold;
- c) reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and
- d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network; and
- e) ~~distributing charging information.~~

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of determining if charging information is provided during the establishment of said session and carrying out steps b) to d) only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by means of a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

a) modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

b) putting the session on hold;

c) reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

and

d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network ~~and distributing charging information.~~

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising the step of determining if charging information is provided during the modifying of said session and carrying out steps b) to d) only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises using SIP for said session.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises operating at least part of said communication system in accordance with UMTS standard.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 1, ~~wherein the distributing step comprises distributing said charging information and~~ wherein said charging identifier comprises at least ~~one of a GCID and an ICID~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the distributing step comprises distributing the charging identifier ~~information~~ provided in a charging vector.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the distributing step comprises distributing the charging identifier ~~information~~ in a charging vector and wherein said charging vector comprises a P-charging-vector.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a GGSN.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a P-CSCF.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a PDF function.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a P-CSCF, the method further comprising the step of sending the charging identifier information from the GGSN to the P-CSCF.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a PDF function, the method comprising the step of sending the charging identifier information from the GGSN to the ~~PDF~~ PDF.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier information is sent from the GGSN to the P-CSCF in a COPS message.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier information is sent from the GGSN to the PDF in a COPS message

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises a user agent server.

19. (Currently Amended) The method claim as claimed in claim 5, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier information is sent in an INVITE message.

20. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises user equipment.

21. (Currently Amended) A communication system for supporting a communication session of an user equipment associated with a first access network, said system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system being arranged to establish a said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being

arranged to reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to resume said session; ~~and with a message by which~~ at least one entity ~~being arranged to distributes charging information~~ an access network charging identifier within the second network.

22. (Currently Amended) A communication system for supporting a communication session of an user equipment associated with a first access network, said system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system being arranged to modify a session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to reserving resources for said modified session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to resume said session ~~and with a message by which~~ at least one entity ~~being arranged to distributes charging information~~ an access network charging identifier within the second network.

23. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising at least one entity between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system comprising:

establishing means for establishing a said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

reserving means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session ~~and for distributing charging information~~ with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network.

24. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising at least one entity between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system comprising:

modifying means for modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

first reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

second reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session ~~and distributing charging information~~
with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said
second network.

25. (New) A network element for establishing a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, wherein said network element is arranged to put said session on hold, to reserve resources for said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network.

26. (New) A network element for modifying a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, wherein said network element is arranged to put the session on hold, to reserve resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network.

27. (New) A network element according to claim 25, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

28. (New) A network element according to claim 26, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

29. (New) A computer program product for performing the steps of claim 1 when run on a computer at a network element of said communication system.

30. (New) A computer program product for performing the steps of claim 3 when run on a computer at a network element of said communication system.

31. (New) A network element for establishing a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, wherein said network element includes means for putting said session on hold, means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold, and means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network.

32. (New) A network element for modifying a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, wherein said network element includes means for putting the session on hold, means for reserving resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold, and means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network.